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Title: TENSION CONTROL MECHANISM FOR A CHAIR

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Serial No.: 10/274 425 Filing Date: October 18, 2002

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Group: 3636 Examiner: Cranmer

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any  
applications from which this prior application may claim  
priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

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in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor(s)  
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- ☐ Preliminary Amendment Cancelling Claims (Please enter before calculating the filing fee.)
- ☐ Amendment Before First Office Action
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Haworth, Inc.
- ☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card
- ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Application No. , filed .
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

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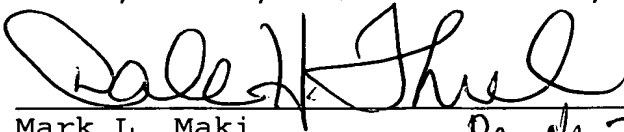
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